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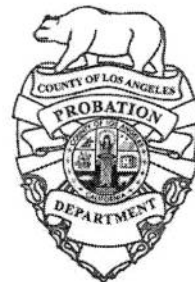


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June 5, 2008

TO: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Robert B. Taylor *Robert B. Taylor*
Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION RELATED TO GRANADA HILLS INCIDENT OF
MAY 17, 2008 INVOLVING PAROLEE FERNANDO DIAZ -- STATUS
REPORT**

At the May 20, 2008 Board meeting, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich introduced a motion related to the May 17, 2008 incident involving parolee Fernando Diaz, Jr., the 33-year-old who reportedly opened fire using a semiautomatic caliber rifle at a crowd of people gathered for a carnival at the St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church in Granada Hills, causing injury to three people.

On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, the Board directed my Department to contact the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to share the mission and success of the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM) Program, and to report back to the Board within three weeks with the following:

1. Information from the CDCR about this parolee and the events leading to this incident, including how parolee Diaz acquired his weapon and what, if any, actions should/could have been triggered as a result of the restraining order against him; and
2. Recommendations for the County Probation Department and possibly the Courts as it relates to the supervision of County probationers.

As indicated in the attached, we have been in formal communication with CDCR in obtaining the requested information. My staff is continuing to work with CDCR on this

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matter. However, additional time will be required to enable us to fully address this motion. We anticipate providing your Board with a report by July 7, 2008.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Felicia Cotton, Chief, Juvenile Special Services Bureau, at (562) 940-2526, or Jack Sims, Probation Director, Specialized Enforcement Operations, at (323) 298-3503.

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Attachment

C: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
Doyle Campbell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel
Justice Deputies

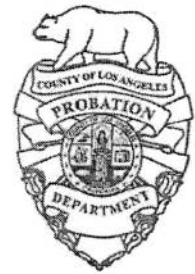


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May 28, 2008

Matthew Cate, Secretary
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
1515 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Mr. Cate:

At the May 20, 2008 Los Angeles County Board meeting, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Fifth Supervisorial District, introduced a motion related to the May 17, 2008 incident involving parolee Fernando Diaz, Jr., the 33-year-old who reportedly opened fire using a semiautomatic caliber rifle at a crowd of people gathered for a carnival at the St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church in Granada Hills, causing injury to three people.

In addition, the motion referenced a similar incident of approximately 10 years ago, where as a result, the Board supported the implementation of the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM) Program initiated by Supervisor Antonovich. Consequently, the Board directed my Department to contact your agency to share the mission and success of our DISARM Program, and to report back to the Board within three weeks with the following:

1. Information from your agency about this parolee and the events leading to this incident, including how parolee Diaz acquired his weapon and what, if any, actions should/could have been triggered as a result of the restraining order against him; and
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Enclosed for your reference are our Board's Executive Office minutes related to the motion. In accordance with the motion, although your staff is already familiar with our DISARM program through multi-agency local law enforcement teams' efforts to confiscate guns, drugs, and contraband through unannounced searches of probationers and parolees and their homes, enclosed is our program information which also includes statistics since inception in February 2000 through April 2008. Also enclosed is a

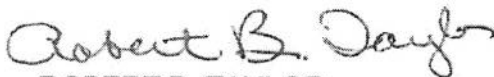
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related Fall 2007 article from the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County Journal citing partnering agencies and highlighting the success of this collaborative endeavor.

In addition, we hope that we can review lessons learned through your agency's and our County's experiences in managing parolees and probationers, respectively, that will enable us to improve our operations through the use of best practices in an effort to further deter probationers under our supervision from obtaining weapons and committing violent acts. We would appreciate obtaining any information regarding parolee Diaz that you can provide us to address the motion, as our response is due to our Board by June 10, 2008. My staff is available to meet or discuss this with your staff.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the DISARM information provided or the information our Board has requested, or your staff my contact Ms. Felicia Cotton, Chief, Juvenile Special Services Bureau, at (562) 940-2526, or Mr. Jack Sims, Probation Director, Specialized Enforcement Operations, at (323) 298-3503.

Sincerely,



ROBERT B. TAYLOR
Chief Probation Officer

Enclosures (3)

c: Kenneth Ford, Chief Deputy Regional Administrator,
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William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
Anna Pembedjian, Justice Deputy, Fifth Supervisorial District

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SPECIALIZED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

DISARM PROGRAM

Developing Increased Safety

Through Arms

Recovery Management Program

MULTI-AGENCY TASK FORCE

DISARM is a unique program within the County of Los Angeles Probation Department. Unlike other probation programs, DISARM is intended to be a multi-agency task force with the County's Probation Department as the lead agency.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Los Angeles Police Department

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County Animal Control

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Los Angeles City Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County Police

STANDARDIZED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

California Bureau of Investigations

California Highway Patrol

Federal Drug Enforcement Agency

Federal Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms

Federal Bureau of Investigations

Department of Children and Family Services

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Postal Service

88 incorporated cities

SPECIALIZED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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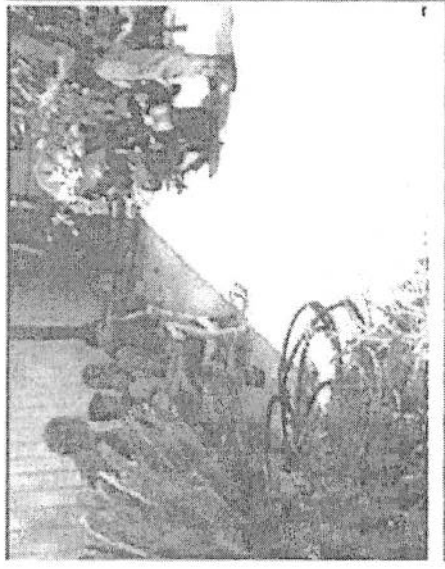
DISARM conducts searches of residences of individuals who have been placed on probation for gun-related offenses or acts of violence.



STANDARDIZED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

DISARM officers monitor identified high-risk offenders by aggressively enforcing conditions of probation and removing probationers from the community who pose the greatest threat to public safety.



STRUCTURAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

It is the intent of DISARM to identify probationers in possession of guns and in violation of probation in a effort to deter their involvement in the commission of a new offense.



ARMED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

GOALS

- Reduce the number of probationers in possession of weapons.
- Deter probationers from obtaining weapons or committing violent acts with weapons.
- Enhance probationers accountability.
- Remove probationers from the community who pose the greatest threat to public safety.

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- Strictly enforce the terms and conditions of probation.
- Increase participation in joint law enforcement special operations such as sweeps, seizures, and warrant enforcement.
- Increase communication with other criminal justice agencies.



STANDARDIZED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

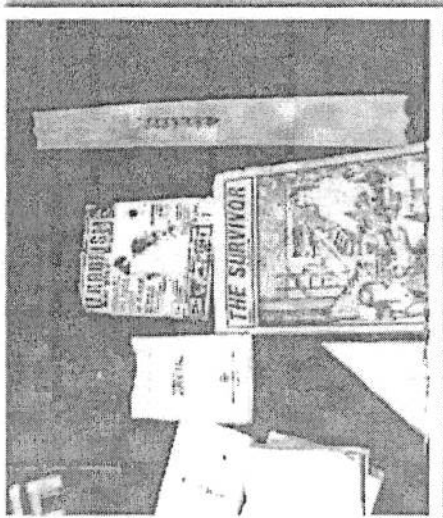
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Since the inception of the program (February 2000), the monthly planned search operations have been successful in confiscating a variety of firearms, drugs and other contraband, recovering a total of 4,058 weapons as of April 2008.

STANDARDIZED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

Statistical Highlights

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Probation Searches: | 47,601 |
| Residences | 21,906 46% |
| Persons | 20,341 43% |
| Vehicles/Business/Etc. | 5,354 11% |



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Weapons Confiscated:

4,058

Rifles/Shotguns

750 19%

Assault Rifles

257 6%

Handguns

1,693 42%

BB Guns

337 8%

Knives/Body Armor/Etc.

1,021 25%



SPECIALIZED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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Drugs/Money Confiscated:

\$289,493,767

Marijuana

270,931,655

94.0%

Cocaine

9,703,039

3.0%

Methamphetamine

659,654

0.2%

Heroin & PCP

303,608

0.1%

Cash

7,895,811

2.7%

STANDARDIZED REPORT OPERATIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Arrests:

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| | 9,223 |
| Juveniles | 2,391 26% |
| Adults | 6,832 74% |

Warrant Enforcement:

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Sought | 4,609 |
| Apprehended | 2,551 55% |

SPECIALIZED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

| Arrests / Violations Disposition: | | 4,213 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Prison | 543 | 13% |
| Jail | 2,126 | 50% |
| Camp | 286 | 7% |
| Juvenile Hall | 727 | 17% |
| DJJ | 7 | 1% |

UNLIMITED ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Other (1)

524 12%

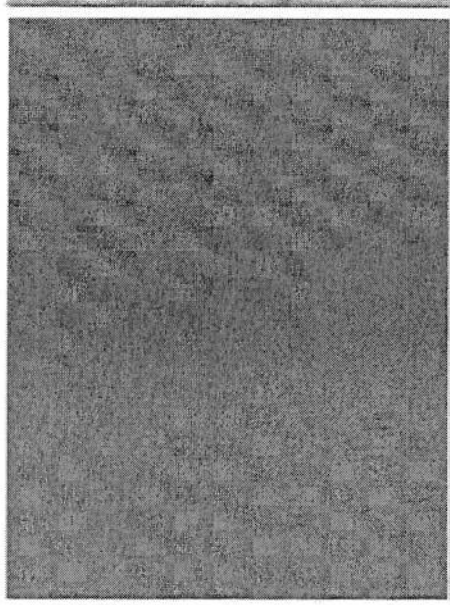
(1) The "Other" category refers to those cases where disposition is either community service, drug treatment, and/or Cal Trans service.

STATISTICAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

DISARM Personnel

The DISARM program is currently operating with fifty-five (55) Deputy Probation Officers, five (5) Supervising Deputy Probation Officers, and four (4) Intermediate Typist-Clerks.

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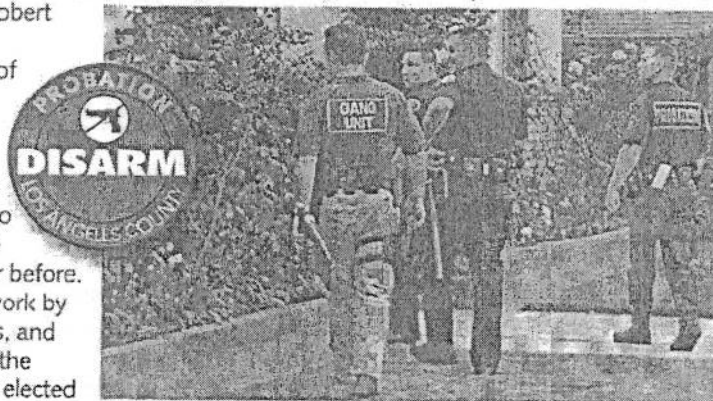
L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT DISARMS THOUSANDS BY PARTNERING WITH LOCAL PEACE OFFICERS

by Mike Parker

For many years, the Probation Department has partnered with local law enforcement agencies to achieve tremendous success in taking guns, drugs, crime profits, and criminals off the street.

By working side by side with peace officers countywide, the multi-agency teams have walked into the homes of thousands of probationers to ensure they were obeying the conditions of their probation. Since over 25% weren't, the teams seized 3,221 weapons and more than 83 million dollars in illegal drugs and drug money, which resulted in 7,827 arrests. Often, suspects with the probationers were caught in the same net by doing the wrong thing with the wrong person.

This kind of success can only be accomplished with great leadership and teamwork. Chief Probation Officer Robert Taylor said, "The cooperative efforts of all partnering agencies is paying off. We are each using our respective agencies strengths to work together more effectively than ever before. With a lot of hard work by all involved agencies, and with the support of the community and our elected officials, we are all playing an important role in making our communities safer."



Local police officers and a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) approach a probationer's home during a D.I.S.A.R.M. operation. D.I.S.A.R.M. is a unit of the Specialized Enforcement Operations (SEO) of the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

The searches were conducted through the Los Angeles County Probation Department's D.I.S.A.R.M. (Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management) program. The D.I.S.A.R.M. program pairs Deputy Probation Officers with local law enforcement officers to perform unannounced searches of probationers and their homes. The searches are a condition of probation, and target the confiscation of guns, drugs, and other contraband.

D.I.S.A.R.M. was initiated in February 2000 by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich. It began following the tragic August 1999 shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community Center and the murder of a postal worker by an armed felon on probation from Washington State.

During the month of June 2007 alone, 108 weapons were confiscated, 179 arrests were made, and \$18 million in illegal drugs were seized. Meanwhile, there were 1,405 unannounced searches of residences, persons, vehicles, and businesses. These efforts keep the probationers wondering who will be visited next. Just as important as the great results have been, the ever-increasing efficiency of strong multi-agency partnerships continues to grow and expand into bigger and better results.

For further information about the success of D.I.S.A.R.M. over the last several years, review the D.I.S.A.R.M. press releases on Supervisor Mike Antonovich's website at <http://antonovich.co.la.ca.us/newsroom/releases/releases.html>.

Policing agencies who wish to get involved in the successful partnership of D.I.S.A.R.M. should contact the staff of Probation Department Director Jack Sims at (323) 298-3503 or <http://probation.co.la.ca.us/> ■



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On June 5, we provided your Board with a status report and indicated that we were in communication with CDCR in obtaining the requested information; however, that additional time was necessary to fully address this motion, and that we anticipated to complete our report by July 7, 2008.

On June 6, we received a written response from the State's Division of Adult Parole Operations providing us with chronological information regarding the events that preceded the incident. In addition, the State is unaware of how parolee Diaz obtained the weapon.

In addition, on June 25, my staff met with representatives of Supervisor Antonovich's Office and the State's Parole Division to discuss potential recommendations on how to improve our agencies' handling of these type of offenders. Apparently, the State representatives believe that they have a well established and effective system in place. They have communicated to us that they did everything in accordance with their existing policies and procedures which they believe are adequate and even after further review, they believe the outcome would have been the same.

Recommendations to Improve Monitoring & Supervision of High-Risk Offenders

We recommend the following:

➤ Establishment of Countywide Supervision of High-Risk Offender Committee

We recommend that in order to improve existing operations with our law enforcement partners as it pertains to the monitoring and supervision of high-risk offenders and mitigate these type of occurrences, that we establish a Countywide committee including law enforcement, parole, and probation representatives that can meet quarterly to identify strategies and that they are effectively coordinated and implemented.

➤ Review State Parole's Victims Services Unit to Model a County Program

We recommend that my Department conduct a review of the State Parole's Victim's Services Unit to determine if there is a need to develop a best practice model for the County that would enable us to become more responsive to victims by restoring their restitutions and enhancing our efforts to protect the community.

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